

Abstract

This invention relates to a method of distributing streaming media on the Internet or a similar network, wherein originators of streaming content (typically audio) may securely submit such content to netcasters, who in turn select and assemble it into sequences or "mixes" and stream these mixes over the network. End users (listeners) connect to these streams, and may download segments of them (typically audio tracks) upon payment of a fee. These fees are automatically distributed among the originators, the netcasters and other interested parties. Security is provided throughout to ensure that payments are properly collected and distributed to the proper parties.